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**AMENDMENT UNDER
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Surgical Instruments and Procedures
for Stabilizing the Beating Heart
During Coronary Artery Bypass Graft
Surgery

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated March 16, 2006 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before June 16, 2006. A Petition for a one month extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith to extend the response date to July 17, 2006 (July 16, 2006 being a Sunday). In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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